

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASS

NATIONAL CASUALTY COMPANY,) C.A. NO: 04-10167MLW
Petitioner)
v.)
FIRST STATE INSURANCE GROUP,)
Respondent)

NOTICE OF APPEAL

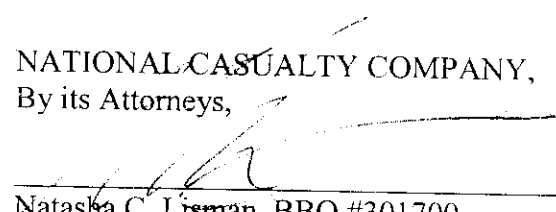
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, National Casualty Company ("National Casualty") hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit from the following paragraphs of the Order entered in this action on February 18, 2005:

Paragraph 1, denying the portion of National Casualty's Amended Petition to Vacate an Arbitral Order arising under 9 U.S.C. §§ 10(a)(1) and (3);

Paragraph 2, allowing Respondent First State Group's motion dismiss as to the remainder of National Casualty's Amended Petition;

Paragraph 3, allowing First State Group's Motion to Confirm the Final Arbitration Award Dated March 12, 2004.

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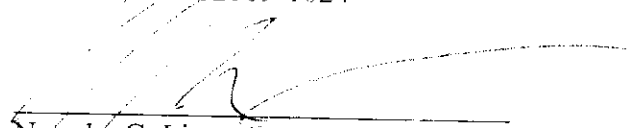
DATED: March 17, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Natasha C. Lisman, hereby certify that on this 17th day of March, 2005 I served the within Notice of Appeal by mailing a copy of same, via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the following counsel of record:

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